

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claim 1 (Currently Amended): A process, comprising:

~~a thermal treatment of~~

thermally treating coated or uncoated dry sodium percarbonate with continuously replacing ambient air for a time of at least 2 minutes at a temperature from 70°C to 120°C;

wherein the thermally treating does not result in a substantial reduction of the oxygen and moisture content of the dry sodium percarbonate.

~~consisting essentially of coated or uncoated sodium percarbonate;~~

~~wherein the thermal treatment is performed for a time of at least 2 minutes at a temperature from 80 to 95°C while maintaining the active oxygen content virtually constant, and ambient air surrounding the sodium percarbonate is continuously replaced.~~

Claims 2-3 (Canceled).

Claim 4 (Currently Amended): The process according to Claim 1, wherein the temperature is from ~~[[85]]~~ 85°C to 95°C.

Claim 5 (Original): The process according to Claim 1, wherein the time is from 5 to 60 minutes.

Claim 6 (Original): The process according to Claim 1, wherein the time is from 10 to 60 minutes.

Claim 7 (Canceled).

Claim 8 (Currently Amended): The process according to Claim 1, wherein the sodium percarbonate is in a fluidized layer,  
atmospheric air is heated to a treatment temperature from 70°C to 120°C; ~~80 to 95°C~~;  
and the atmospheric air is passed through the fluidized layer.

Claim 9 (Original): The process according to Claim 8, wherein the atmospheric air is heated by flue gases.

Claim 10 (Original): The process according to Claim 8, wherein the thermal treatment is performed in a fluidized bed.

Claim 11 (Currently Amended): The process according to Claim 1,  
wherein the uncoated-sodium percarbonate is uncoated.

Claim 12-20 (Cancelled).

Claim 21 (Currently Amended): The process according to claim 1, wherein the sodium percarbonate is coated and the coated sodium percarbonate is thermally treated  
~~treated~~-immediately following a drying step subsequent to a coating process of sodium percarbonate.

Claim 22 (New): The process according to Claim 21, wherein the temperature is from 85°C to 95°C.

Claim 23 (New): The process according to Claim 21, wherein said thermally treating of the sodium percarbonate occurs from 10 to 60 minutes.

Claim 24 (New): The process according to Claim 22, wherein said thermally treating of the sodium percarbonate occurs from 10 to 60 minutes.

Claim 25 (New): The process according to Claim 8, wherein the atmospheric air is heated to a treatment temperature from 80°C to 95°C.

DISCUSSION OF THE AMENDMENT

The amendment to the Specification on page 10 serves to correct a minor typographical error.

Claims 1-2, 4-11, and 21 are pending.

Claims 1, 4-6, 8, 11, and 21 are amended. Support for the amendment to Claim 1 is found in original Claim 1; page 9, fourth full paragraph; and Examples 1-6 on pages 11-12.

The remaining amendments serve to improve readability.

Claims 2 and 7 are canceled without prejudice.

Claims 22-25 are added. Support for new Claims 22-25 is found in the Specification as originally filed, and original Claims 12-20.

It is believed that no new matter will be added upon entry of the amendment.

Upon entry of the amendment, Claims 1, 4-6, 8-11, and 21-25 will be active.